

Department of Correction Offenders Donate to Locks of Love

Offenders at the Reception-Diagnostic Center opt to donate after mandatory haircut

Plainfield, IN – January 7, 2011 – Each day at the Indiana Department of Correction's Reception-Diagnostic Center, inches and inches of hair is cut and swept up since, for safety and sanitation reasons, all offenders entering the intake facility must receive a haircut. Most of that hair ends up in the trash.

However, several offenders each month choose to make a difference, and donate their hair to Locks of Love. The Reception-Diagnostic Center sends the donations from approximately 20-30 offenders to Locks of Love each month.

Offenders Terry Hewitt and Dirk Gibson, both from Marion County, were two of those offenders who chose to donate their hair. "I'm just glad I could help out," said Hewitt. Offender Gibson agreed, and said he did it to help children who lose their hair because of cancer.

Lauren Kukkamaa of Locks of Love expressed her sincere appreciation for the donations. "It's a way to give back when other means aren't available. We are always grateful to learn of our donors," she said.



Donated hair from two offenders which will be used for hairpieces

About Locks of Love:

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. To learn more, log onto

www.locksoflove.org.

About the Reception-Diagnostic Center:

The Reception-Diagnostic is a maximum security intake facility for adult males located in Plainfield, Indiana.

About the Department of Correction:

The Department employs over 7,000 employees and houses 29,000 adults and juveniles in 24 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and community re-entry centers. The Department's web page can be found at <http://www.in.gov/idoc>.

-30-

Media Contact:

Lisa Powers

Public Information Officer

Indiana Department of Correction

317.839.7727 ext 3005 office

317.460.1479 cell

lpowers@idoc.IN.gov